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ANNUAL REPORT

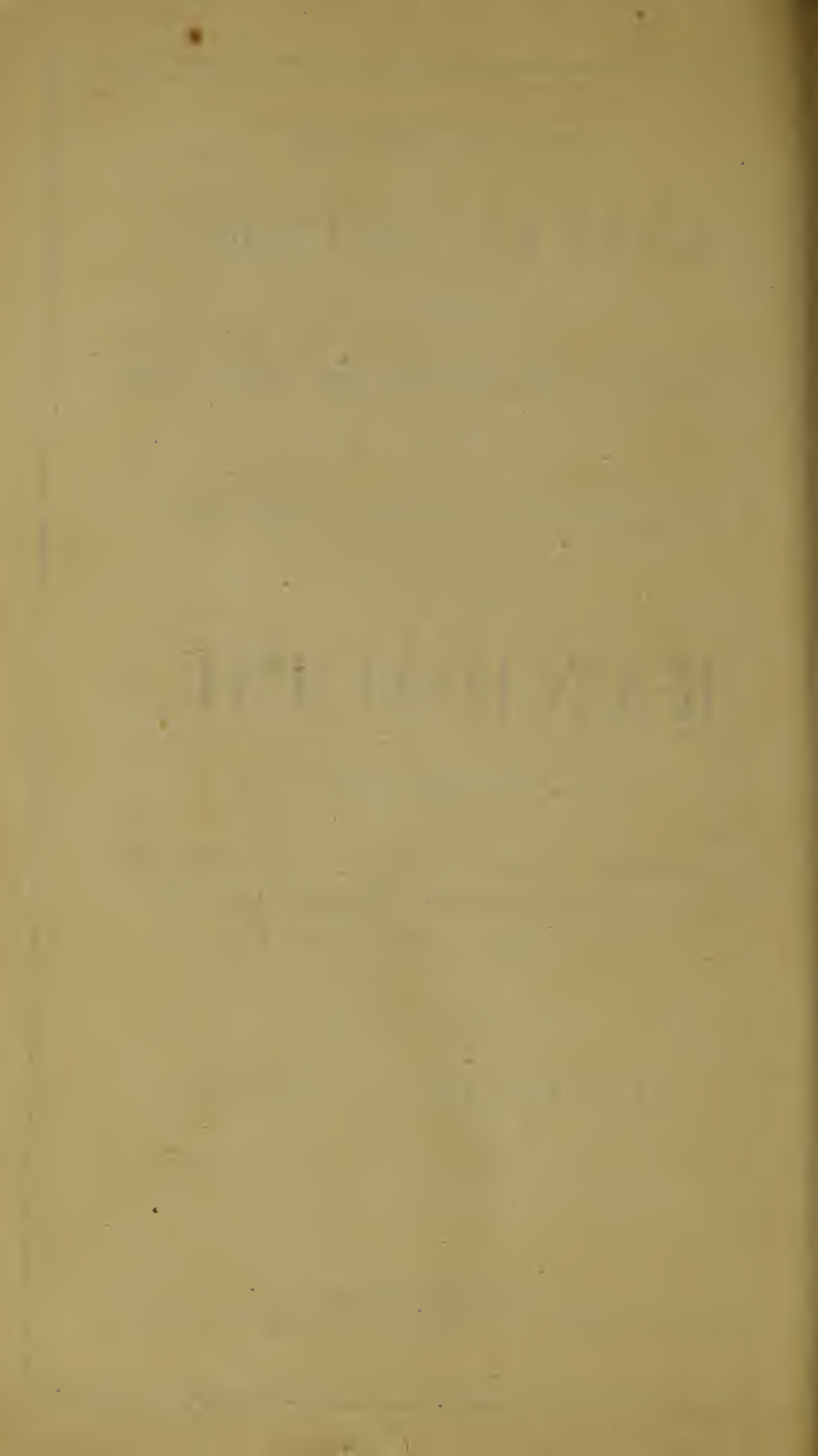
OF THE
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1868—9.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

J. White Belcher, Horatio B. Alden, Jr.,
 Jaccb Whitcomb.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Hiram C. Alden.

School Committee.

Elisha Mann, Term expires March, 1869.
Thomas West, " " " 1870.

Trustees of Stetson High School Fund.

Lemuel S. Whitcomb, Term expires March, 1869.
Daniel Howard, " " " 1870.
John L. French, " " " 1871.

Auditors.

Royal W. Turner, Nathan A. Tolman, Thomas West.

Constables.

William H. Warren, Wilson Belcher
Royal W. Thayer, Luther Rowe.
William Shed,

Truant Officers.

Elisha Mann, Jr., Thomas West.

Fence Viewers.

James Riley Thayer, Ira W. Lewis.

Highway Surveyors.

Edson M. Roel, Amasa Clark,
Lewis J. Hollis, Elisha Holbrook, 2d.
Wales French, Edwin A. Tabor,
Jonathan S. Belcher, Adam F. Jones.

Field Drivers.

Richard McGrane, Jr.,	Joseph Jones,
Daniel Faxon, Jr.,	Samuel E. Hawes,
Moses Mann,	W. W. Blencowe,
Seth Howard,	A. C. Kimball,
John P. Beal,	Hugh McMahon.

Surveyors of Wood.

Edson M. Roel,	Daniel B. White.
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Pound Keeper — William Hogan.

Superintendent of Alms House.—Mace Gay.

Collector of Taxes.—Edson M Roel.

Representative to General Court.—Samuel Clark.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

Thomas West, Chief Engineer,	William H. Warren,
Ralph Houghton, Clerk,	Levi Wilbur,
John B. Thayer,	James W. White.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Randolph respectfully submit the following report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1st, 1869.

APPROPRIATIONS, BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

For Schools (including \$300 for Stetson High School),	\$10,000 00
Repairs of School Houses,	500 00
Highways,	2,500 00
General Town Expenses,	15,000 00
Engine House, for Fire King Engine Co.,	1,000 00
Hose,	600 00
Engine Men,	1,750 00
State Tax,	6,320 00
County Tax,	2,673 44
Total,	<hr/> \$40,343,44
Amount of Tax assessed in 1868.	\$42,200 61

TAXABLE VALUATION, MAY 1ST, 1868.

Personal,	\$1,335,190 00
Real,	1,399,900 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,735,090 00

Rate of assessment, \$14.40 on \$1000.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

New Alms-House property,	\$12,000 00
Town House and land,	15,000 00
School House and land, Dist. No. 1,	1,800 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 2,	1,600 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 3,	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 4,	1,800 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 5,	1,000 00

School House and land, Dist. No. 6,	\$1,500 00
" " " " " 7,	1,000 00
" " " " " 8,	5,000 00
" " " " " 9,	1,300 00
High School House and land, " "	6,500 00
School House and land, " 10	4,500 00
Prescott School House and land,	18,000 00
Stetson School Fund,	10,300 00
*Eight Shares Randolph National Bank,	1,200 00
*Ten acres Salt Marsh,	500 00
Four Fire Engines and fixtures,	5,000 00
Five Fire Engine Houses and Lock-up,	4,500 00
Two Hearses,	600 00
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	\$94,100 00

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer for the following bills, amounting to \$49,599 58

On account of Schools,	\$8,973 99
" Stetson School	300 00
" Incidentals, furniture, repairs and care of rooms,	1,289 23
" Repairs of Highways,	2,895 66
" Poor in Almshouse to Jan. 1st, 1869,	1,498 36
" Poor out of Almshouse,	5,464 70
" Poor in other towns,	545 22
" State Paupers,	672 81
" Funeral expenses,	283 50
" State Aid,	6,343 54
" Fire Department,	3,398 86
" Taxes (abatements and collection)	545 46
" Town Officers,	1,455 89
" New Lockup,	1,149 69
" New Almshouse and land,	11,885 69
" Furniture for new Almshouse,	801 59
" Provisions, salary &c., for new Almshouse	331 68
" Stock on farm,	343 52
" Labor, &c., on farm	226 75
" Miscellaneous expenses,	1,193 44
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	\$49,599,58

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS,

By direction of School Committee for the year ending March 1,
1869.

For Teaching.

Paid Thomas H. West,	one year,	\$820 00
Wales B. Thayer,	" "	780 00
John V. Beal,	" "	780 00
Frank H. Lewis,	one term,	325 00
E. B. Gale,	two terms,	675 00
Miss Sarah E. Shankland,	36 weeks,	399 99
" Hannah O. Noyes,	" "	288 00
" Hannah F. Thayer,	" "	265 00
" Enna M. Packard,	" "	288 00
" Mary J. Austin,	" "	180 00
" Susan A. Whitcomb,	" "	223 50
" Mary H. French,	" "	252 00
" Emma F. Veazie,	" "	210 50
" Ella V. Wales	" "	180 00
" Estelle F. Wilson,	35 "	175 00
" Sallie M. Tileston,	36 "	288 00
" Lottie S. Bean,	23 "	115 00
" Helen S. Dunbar,	36 "	229 00
" Flora A. Belcher,	23 "	115 00
" Mary E. Wood,	36 "	288 00
" Mary L. Prescott,	23 "	138 00
" Emma P. Ryan,	36 "	180 00
" Lucy J. Thayer	" "	180 00
" Alice A. Smith,	" "	216 00
" S. Augusta Bass,	" "	288 00
" Ada Belcher,	23 "	138 00
" E. Florence Kennedy,	5 "	30 00
" Imogene A. Lawrence	9 "	54 00
" Mary E. Rogers,	8 "	56 00
" Annie Stevens,	13 "	65 00
" Mary E. Minter,	4 "	32 00

\$8,253 99

Fuel.

Paid N. A. Tolman	for Coal	\$476 10
Wm. H. Warren	" "	50 00
A. Warren Stetson	" "	24 00
Abiel Howard	" wood,	5 50
Ebenezer Alden,	" "	5 50

Paid Moses French	for wood	\$2 25
Rufus A. Thayer,	" "	11 00
Ephraim Mann	" "	17 25
Thomas West	" "	97 25
John Reynolds	" cutting wood	3 75
Austin Roel	" " "	11 25
John D. Lahey	" " "	3 50
H. E. Wetherbee	" " "	1 50
A. W. Thayer	" packing "	1 50
Martin S. Poppy	" shavings	7 40
Thomas West	" "	2 25
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		\$720 00

Care of School Rooms.

Paid John Wales,	\$9 00
Enna M. Packard,	21 50
Mary Jane Austin,	11 50
Susan A. Whitcomb,	18 50
Hannah O. Noyes,	13 00
Mary H. French,	15 00
Estelle F. Wilson,	8 50
Mary L. Prescott,	11 25
John Ormsby,	47 40
W. and F. Ormsby,	67 63
James C. Shorey,	18 50
H. S. Fouchey,	5 00
Alice A. Smith,	21 00
Mrs. Michael Riley,	187 75
Frank H. Beals,	78 25
F. H. Thayer,	2 50
S. A. Bass,	9 00
Ada Belcher,	11 25
Eddie Tabor,	10 00
Imogene A. Lawrence,	2 25
E. White and E. Gill,	13 00
M. Thayer,	7 50
A. Turner,	2 25
Mary E. Minter,	1 00
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	\$592 53

Incidental Expenses of Schools.

Paid John Wales for use of well,	\$3 00
Royal S. Holbrook for use of well,	3 00
Patrick Feeney " " " " 2 yrs.,	6 00

Paid Freeman Bard for use of well, 1 year,	\$3 00
Elmer W. Holmes for printing,	12 50
Taggard & Thompson for slates and crayons,	25 65
Snow, Boyden & Knights for slate surface,	24 40
Oscar F. Howe for pails and brooms,	8 50
John Farquer " slates,	4 80
Maynard & Noyes for ink,	11 92
Cyrus G. Cook for drawing cards,	2 50
W. G. Shattuck for ink wells and covers,	9 30
Copp & Pear for window shades,	12 40
Frank H. Lewis for books and chemicals,	4 34
Woodman Hammett for slate surface and crayons,	10 75
John L. Brown for glass and setting,	19 28
Franklin Porter for school books,	20 85
Thomas West " " "	11 13
E. B. Gale " " "	2 95
Charles Estabrook for express and cash paid,	11 10
Morrison M. Alden " repairs,	79 65
John B. Thayer " "	71 19
L. R. Peterson " "	53 98
Ralph Houghton " "	45 05
T. W. Whiting " "	33 98
Richard Stevens " "	6 35
George C. Platt " "	3 25
N. Noyes " "	5 68
Winslow Alden " "	7 60
Charles Belcher " "	3 20
Simeon White " screening coal,	11 17
Baker & Thayer " stoves and repairs	98 11
R. W. Turner & Co " oil, wicking &c.,	8 87
Joseph Graham " repairs,	9 80
Samuel Turner " labor,	17 07
Sundry bills " labor and supplies,	34 38

\$696 70

Paid Appropriation for Stetson High School, \$300 00

Total Expenses for Schools.

Paid for Teaching,	\$8,253 99
" Fuel,	720 00
" Care of Rooms,	592 53
" Incidentals,	696 70
" Stetson High School,	300 00

\$10,563 22

HIGHWAYS.

Dist. No. 1, 8 and 10.—EDSON M. ROEL, Surveyor.

Paid Edson M. Roel,	labor,	\$67 36
Ephraim Mann,	" and team,	77 67
Alvan Mann,	" " "	69 03
Charles H. Mann,	" " "	66 33
Seth Mann,	" " "	52 31
Michael Buckley,	" " "	4 50
Edward Donahue,	" " "	8 05
John Gill,	labor	21 20
James Gerald,	"	21 20
John Mullin.	"	18 20
Patrick Bohan,	"	26 20
George W. Pierce,	"	26 00
Paul Dowd,	"	12 00
James Lyons,	"	20 20
John Desmond and boy	"	29 07
Thomas Harris,	"	20 37
J. O. Sullivan,	"	2 00
Michael Hurley,	"	7 00
Frank Boyle,	"	3 00
John Reynolds,	"	3 00
Timothy Driscoll,	"	2 00
Jedediah French,	"	6 00
James Harris,	"	2 00
E. M. Holbrook,	"	2 00
Daniel Kelliher,	"	6 00
N. F. Roel,	"	7 50
Austin Roel,	"	6 90
William Benson,	"	3 40
Charles Jones,	"	3 40
Joseph P. Bicknell,	"	6 00
Sundry persons,	"	31 56
William Campbell,	repairs of tools,	3 30
Seth Mann 2d,	500 loads gravel,	50 00
Helen E. DuBois,	24 " "	2 40
Ephraim Mann,	52 " "	5 20
John Wales,	98 " "	9 80
E. A. Allen,	51 " "	5 10
Edward Donahue,	201 " "	20 10

\$727 35

District No. 2, JONATHAN S. BELCHER, Surveyor.

Paid Hiram Belcher	labor and team	\$68 83
Lewis S. Belcher	" " "	9 00
E. W. Porter	" " "	5 50
Jonathan S. Belcher	" " "	72 12
George Belcher	labor	38 50
Phineas Davis	"	36 50
Allen Smith	"	10 50
Wilson Belcher	"	10 50
C. A. Harris	"	5 24
J. P. Belcher	"	7 87
	Bridge stone and use of tools	4 33
Jonathan S. Belcher	212 loads gravel	12 72
L. S. Belcher	73 " "	4 38
Jonathan White	42 " "	2 52
Martin Rogers	5 " "	30
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		\$288 86

District No. 3. EDWIN A. TABOR, Surveyor.

Paid Ephraim Mann	labor and team	\$12 50
Alvan Mann	" " "	9 25
Charles H. Mann	" " "	10 25
Seth Mann	" " "	21 88
Edwin A. Tabor,	labor	26 99
George W. Tabor,	"	4 81
George W. Pierce,	"	5 00
Ansel Mann,	"	6 12
Moses Mann,	"	6 12
George Meader,	"	14 01
Delazon Mann,	"	12 25
James Kemp,	"	1 75
Sundry persons,	"	11 69
Ephraim Mann,	114 loads gravel,	11 40
Joshua Spear,	30 " "	3 00
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		\$157 02

District No. 4. LEWIS. J. HOLLIS, Surveyor.

Paid E. S. Belcher,	labor and team,	\$39 37
A. A. Hollis,	" " "	33 00
Lewis J. Hollis,	labor,	24 50

Paid Augustus Belcher,	labor,	\$24 50
Edwin Packard,	"	21 00
W. Packard,	"	50
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		\$142 87

District No. 5. AMASA CLARK, Surveyor.

Paid Jeremiah Bump,	labor and team,	\$52 00
Rufus A. Thayer,	" " "	22 00
C. M. Holbrook,	labor,	17 50
Noah Chessman,	"	23 50
Lewis Jones,	"	10 00
Joel Wood,	"	5 00
Augustus Wood,	"	4 00
Jedediah French,	"	4 00
Amasa Clark,	"	20 70
Sundry persons,	"	4 20
Ephraim Mann, plank,		5 43
Amasa Clark, cedar posts,		5 60
" " 325 loads gravel,		32 50
Rufus A. Thayer, 73 "	" "	7 30
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		\$213 73

District No. 6. ADAM F. JONES, Surveyor.

Paid Adam F. Jones,	labor and team,	\$68 00
Asia Mayhew,	" " "	21 25
Rufus Jones,	" " "	8 50
Morris Kiley,	labor,	3 00
Patrick Kiley,	"	3 00
William Tilson,	"	6 75
Frederick Miller,	"	14 25
Sullivan Jones,	"	9 75
Henry D. Holbrook,	"	11 70
Caleb Tucker,	"	7 20
A. H. Tucker,	"	9 75
Horatio L. Thayer,	"	3 75
Samuel Turner,	"	6 75
Richmond Jones,	"	4 50
Edson Tucker,	"	4 50
Francis Mann,	"	6 00
Sundry persons,	"	6 11

Paid Joseph Mann,	100 loads gravel,	\$4 00
Asia Mayhew,	40 " "	4 00
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		\$202 76

District No. 7. WALES FRENCH, Surveyor.

Paid Wales French,	labor and team,	\$28 00
Mason Miller,	" " "	27 75
Moses W. Whitcomb,	" " "	8 00
John A. Blood,	" " "	3 50
Patrick Bohan,	labor,	13 00
John Gill,	"	13 00
Richard Hogan,	"	13 00
Jacob Buker,	"	17 50
Martin Gay,	"	13 13
Thomas Townsend,	"	1 75
For repairing tools, &c.,		1 50
Ebenezer Alden,	288 loads gravel,	11 52
Samuel Packard,	69 " "	2 76
James Maguire,	35 " "	1 40
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		\$155 81

District No. 9. ELISHA HOLBROOK, 2d, Surveyor.

Paid Elisha Holbrook 2d,	labor and team,	\$41 62
Simeon White,	" " "	14 00
Charles French,	" " "	7 00
Levi Greenwood,	" " "	26 83
John Gill,	" " "	14 00
Zenas French,	" " "	25 25
Beza Curtis,	labor,	23 62
Guilford White,	"	8 00
Alpheus Hunt,	"	11 00
Daniel Clark,	"	8 00
Richard Barry,	"	4 00
Elijah Benjamin,	"	30 67
Sundry persons	"	1 75
Caleb S. Holbrook,	79 loads gravel,	7 90
Zenas French,	130 " "	7 80
Elisha Holbrook 2d,	14 " "	84
Charles Chevigne,	175 " "	3 50
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		\$231 78

Extra Repairs on Roads and Bridges.

Paid Hiram Belcher and others,	\$57 05
N. F. Roel and others,	13 08
John A. Blood and others,	6 53
Ephraim Mann, labor and material,	12 00
Edson M. Roel and others,	125 00
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	\$213 66

Removing Snow.

Paid Ephraim Mann	and others	\$117 70
Amasa Clark	"	23 70
Edson M. Roel	"	130 64
Charles McCarty	"	62 85
Hiram Belcher	"	25 30
Mason Lovering	"	35 73
Adoniram J. Dyer	"	40 00
Gideon Howard Jr.	"	74 50
Adam F. Jones	"	11 75
Edwin A. Tabor	"	9 30
Elisha Holbrook 2d	"	7 75
Lewis J. Hollis	"	5 40
J. S. Belcher	"	2 40
Samuel Baker	"	2 50
Sundry persons,		12 30
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		\$561 82
Total		\$2,895 66

SUPPORT OF POOR IN ALMS HOUSE

To Jan. 1st 1869.

Noble Linfield.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 33 weeks,	\$76 50
“ “ “ extra case in sickness,	10 00
Ralph Houghton, coffin &c,	15 50
A. C. Kimball, digging grave,	2 00
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	\$104 00

Ebenezer Holbrook.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 44 weeks,	\$98 00
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	1 00
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	\$99 00

Ebenezer Thayer.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 7 weeks,	\$15 75
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Mrs. Ebenezer Thayer.

Paid A. Reynolds, board,	\$13 50
R. P. Lombard, “ 39 weeks,	91 25
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	10 05
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	\$114 70

Jonathan Mann.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 37 1-2 weeks,	\$84 37
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	1 00
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	\$85 37

Sidney Mann.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board,	\$13 00
Ephraim Mann, supplies,	1 30
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	3 50
Ralph Houghton, coffin &c.,	15 50
A. C. Kimball, digging grave,	2 00
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	\$35 30

Eunice Delano.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 44 weeks,	\$87 00
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Polly Ccpeland.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 44 weeks,	\$87 00
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Sarah Crane.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 44 weeks,	\$87 00
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Annie Alden.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 20 weeks,	\$34 00
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Mrs. George Godwin and three children.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 13 weeks,	\$90 25
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" supplies,	26 00
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City of Lynn and others for supplies,	31 50
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	\$147 75
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Anna E. Bagley.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board 44 weeks,	\$76 00
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Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	2 00
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	\$78 00
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**Mary Howland.*

Paid R. P. Lombard, board,	\$6 75
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Betsey M. Eddy.

Paid Edmund F. Eddy, board,	\$3 00
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Ralph Houghton, services,	3 00
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R. P. Lombard, board 30 weeks,	90 00
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E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	51 53
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	\$147 53
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Obediah Jones, Jr., wife and two children.

Paid Asia Mayhew, supplies,	\$26 21
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N. A. Tolman, "	14 00
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R. W. Turner & Co., "	5 00
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James F. Dargan, "	5 40
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C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	6 33
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Moses W. Whitcomb, rent and fuel,	8 40
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Ephraim Mann, "	4 50
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For moving, &c.,	3 50
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R. P. Lombard, board,	35 00
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Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	2 00
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" E. A. Allen, " "	40 67
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Ralph Houghton, coffin for Obediah Jones, Jr.,	12 00
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	\$163 01
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Mrs. John Mullin and two children.

Paid R. P. Lombard, board,	\$49 00
C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	6 84
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	13 00
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	\$68 84

Sundry Expenses in Old Alms House

Paid R. P. Lombard, sewing, medicine, fuel and supplies,	\$23 75
C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	56 19
N. A. Tolman, coal,	9 50
Josiah Clark, supplies,	8 67
Wm. H. Warren, coal,	21 00
Sundry bills, supplies,	18 20
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	\$137 31
Total,	\$1,498 36

POOR OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

Widow John Hollis.

Paid Nathan Hollis, board to Jan. 22d, 1869,	\$48 00
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Benjamin Brown, wife and five children.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co, supplies,	\$82 00	
N. A. Tolman,	30 00	
Josiah Clark,	38 30	
W. P. Ryan,	12 41	
N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	6 01	
C. Morton Jr. "	5 75	
Ephraim Mann, wood,	8 00	
W. H. Warren, coal,	6 50	
O. H. Leach, supplies,	4 50	
C. Estabrook, medicine and bedstead,	8 00	
Sundry persons, supplies,	20 50	
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	1 00	
" W. M. Babbitt,	" Mrs. Brown,	80 00
" "	" John J. Brown,	28 00
" "	" Edward "	23 00
" "	" Winifred "	45 00
" "	" Walter "	21 00

Paid F. Porter, medicine and wine, per order of physician,	\$26 03
“ “ whiskey and cod liver oil “ “ }	60 59
for W. E. Brown,	
Ralph Houghton, coffin for Edward Brown,	12 00
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	\$518 59

State Industrial School.

Paid For Mary A. Sylvester,	17 00
“ Eliza J. Myers,	30 00
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	\$47 00

Charles F. Pero, wife and three children.

Paid Simeon White, coal,	25 50
James B. Lovering, “ and wood,	17 25
Charles Chevigne, sawing “	3 75
William H. Warren, coal,	13 00
H. H. Packard, supplies.	184 21
Spear, Sprague & Co., rent,	3 70
T. J. Jordan, “	22 50
Simeon White, moving goods,	2 00
Z. P. Jordan, milk,	31 19
Nancy Belcher, nursing,	12 50
Dr. H. B. Storer, medical attendance,	22 80
Mrs. Dr. M. H. Clark, medical attendance,	15 15
Dr. T. E. Wood, “	10 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, “	10 00
Ralph Houghton, coffin and robe for C. F. Pero,	12 00
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	\$385 55

Widow Amanda Lowell.

Paid G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	14 00
I. D. Page, “	2 25
C. H. Mann, wood,	3 00
Silas Dyer, “	5 75
Ephraim Mann, “	4 00
C. H. Dyer, rent,	15 00
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	\$44 00

Widow Samuel Holtis and three children.

Paid C. S. Loud, supplies to Oct. 4, 1868,	\$31 00
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Jonathan Thayer and family. (E. R.)

Paid Dr. T. E. Wood, (1867) medical attendance,	\$18 00
Dr. F. Howard, " "	1 00
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	\$19 00

Alexander Holbrook and family.

Paid I. D. Page, supplies,	\$17 61
Joseph Jones, Jr., wood,	8 00
Adam F. Jones, " "	4 50
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	\$30 11

Edwin and Mary Chessman.

Paid Samuel Chessman, board,	\$157
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	
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	\$157 75

Betsey Jones.

Paid Remembrance Jones, board,	\$78 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	26 00
F. Porter, medicine, as per order of physician,	28 75
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	\$132 75

John Welch.

Paid C. Morton, Jr., supplies,	\$12 00
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Ira Howard.

Paid G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	\$28 00
N. A. Tolman, " "	4 50
C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	2 25
George J. Leeds, rent,	6 67
John May, supplies,	2 61
Dr. E. A. Allen, " "	4 70
Ephraim Mann, wood,	4 00
C. H. Mann, " "	7 50
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	14 00
Ralph Houghton, coffin and robe,	12
A. C. Kimball, digging grave,	2 00
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	\$88 23

Henry M. Jones.

Paid Lavinia Simpson, board,	\$76 00
B. W. Sylvester, "	25 08
N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	2 23
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	\$103 31

Mrs. Wendell Beal.

Paid G. T. Jones, supplies,	\$16 00
R. W. Turner & Co., "	16 00
I. D. Page, "	3 00
N. A. Tolman, "	11 50
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	2 00
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	\$48 50

Widow Cornelius McDonald.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., supplies,	\$72 00
A. Warren Stetson, coal,	13 00
C. H. Mann, wood,	7 00
J. Slowey, cutting "	2 50
H. B. Alden, Jr., rent,	\$36 00
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	\$130 50

**Jane Weathee.*

Paid G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	\$49 38
R. P. Lombard, board,	7 00
John Niles, supplies,	5 00
C. H. Mann, wood,	28 50
Nathan White, "	9 00
Sundry persons, cutting wood,	9 00
John May, supplies,	4 50
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	7 00
N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	5 00
I. D. Page, supplies,	9 00
Cash,	32 50
State Reform and Nautical Schools for Napoleon B. and Winfield S.	51 07
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	\$216 95

Ann F. Thayer.

Paid Benjamin Thayer, board and clothing,	\$25 50
Horatio Packard, " "	63 83
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	\$89 33

Widow Catherine Curtis.

Paid Wales French, wood,	\$7 00
Cash for supplies,	78 00
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	\$85 00

Mrs. Jonathan Mann.

Paid Moses Mann, board,	\$57 50
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Wife and child of B. F. Kennedy.

Paid Josiah Thayer, board,	\$184 00
C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	15 31
E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	19 00
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	\$218 31

J. Wales Sylvester and family.

Paid G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	\$45 00
I. D. Page, "	4 00
Isaac Mann, wood,	2 00
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	16 50
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	\$67 50

J. Adams Sylvester and family.

Paid Town of Canton, supplies,	\$40 00
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	76 00
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	\$116 00

B. Wales Sylvester and family.

Paid Bridget Mulhern, rent,	\$10 00
Thomas Clark, "	8 00
Geo. Talbot, wood,	4 00
Levi Briggs, supplies,	26 00
Asia Mayhew, "	4 00
G. H. Wilkins, "	4 05
Thomas N. French, "	5 04
W. P. Ryan, "	90
Cash,	1 00
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	24 00
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	\$86 99

Polly Hall.

Paid John Hall, board,	\$19 50
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Widow Martin Eddy.

Paid I. D. Page, supplies,	\$51 15
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Widow John A. Hobart.

Paid Daniel Faxon, supplies,	91 69
Josiah Clark, "	1 17
Thomas West, wood,	18 75
Samuel B. Hobart, cutting "	4 00
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	\$115 61

Mrs. B. G. Veazie and seven children.

Paid I. D. Page, supplies,	41 00
N. A. Tolman, fuel and "	14 75
Levi Briggs, "	136 00
W. H. Warren, coal,	7 00
Ephraim Mann, wood,	4 50
Moses C. Beal, rent,	20 00
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	27 00
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	\$250 25

Mrs. Joseph P. Davis.

Paid H. H. Packard, supplies,	67 00
Moses French, wood,	12 50
John O'Niel, rent,	22 06
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	\$101 56

Cornelius Howard.

Paid John C. Kelliher, board,	8 15
F. Porter, medicine,	2 20
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	1 00
Fare to Iowa,	36 25
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	\$47 60

Stephen Hayden.

Paid Rufus A. Thayer, wood,	10 75
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	42 14
Ralph Houghton, coffin and robe,	12 00
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	\$64 89

Mrs. Hiram Clark and children.

Paid Asia Mayhew, supplies,	\$3 00
Noah Thayer, wood,	2 00
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	\$5 00

Widow James Kennedy and two children.

Paid James F. Dargan, supplies,	\$94 08
Royal T. Mann, wood,	4 00
E. Moulton, rent,	12 00
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	\$110 08

**Charles F. Foster. I. J. Cutter, Guardian.*

Paid State Nautical School,	\$30 50
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†Effa Thayer.

Paid Leonard Thayer, board,	\$45 25
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	12 00
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	\$57 25

Widow Michael Murphy and four children.

Paid N. A. Tolman, supplies,	\$122 15
C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	10 63
N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	19 24
C. H. Mann, wood,	3 00
Ephraim Mann, wood,	11 50
A. W. Stetson, coal,	13 00
E. A. Allen, shoes,	3 05
Jesse Fenno, supplies,	5 24
Luke O'Reilly, rent,	29 40
Peter McConety, rent,	9 75
Dr. F. Howard, medical attendance,	2 00
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	\$228 96

Elias Miller.

Paid H. H. Packard, supplies,	\$13 00
Samuel Baker, “	27 00
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	\$40 00

Gideon Howard, 3d.

Paid Gideon Howard Jr., board,	\$49 00
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Henry Pratt.

Paid H. H. Packard, supplies,	\$3 00
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Wife and children of Asa Reed.

Paid N. A. Tolman, supplies,	\$44 50
Josiah Clark,	1 25
Abiel Howard, rent,	11 00
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	\$56 75

Aaron Leavitt and family.

Paid Town of Braintree, supplies,	\$10 07
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Wife and children of F. A. Alden

Paid Town of Quincy, supplies,	\$117 00
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Elisha E. Stetson.

Paid Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	\$18 50
Ralph Houghton, coffin,	12 00
A. C. Kimball, digging grave,	2 00
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	\$32 50

Elias Cole.

Paid John Jones, board and supplies,	\$20 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	6 00
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	\$26 00

Widow Philip Kenny and three children.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., supplies,	\$152 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, shoes,	8 70
N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	9 04
C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	9 87
A. W. Stetson, coal,	13 00
Ephraim Mann, wood,	4 50
Royal T. Mann, "	3 00
Edmund Shay, rent,	27 50
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	9 95
Dr. F. Howard, "	1 00
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	\$238 56

Thomas Norris.

Paid B. T. Merritt, board,	\$35 00
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Lydia Smith.

Paid G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	\$78 76
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Christiana Sloan and children.

Paid G. T. Jones, supplies,	73 00
Asia Mayhew, "	10 00
Town of Canton, supplies,	3 00
C. Morton, Jr., clothing,	7 58
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	5 50
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	\$99 08

Henry Joy and family.

Paid Samuel Baker, supplies,	61 39
James B. Lovering, wood and coal,	7 50
Wm. H. Warren, coal,	14 00
Dr. T. E. Wood, medical attendance,	31 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	8 00
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	\$121 89

Peter Buckley and family.

Paid City of Cambridge, supplies,	\$75 05
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State Lunatic Asylum.

Paid For Royal T. Beal,*	116 45
" Diantha Hobart,	213 77
" Triphena Niles,	199 40
" Mary O. Towle,	45 50
" Bernard Green,	25 00
" Mrs. Atkins C. Kimball,	65 71
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	\$665 83

Total,	\$5,464 71
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POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

*DARTMOUTH.—Susan Hicks and family.	
Paid for supplies and medical attendance,	\$44 00
*NORTH BRIDGEWATER —Albert Howard and family.	
For supplies,	\$82 25
*NORTH BRIDGEWATER.—Charles Leach.	
For supplies,	\$4 25
*QUINCY.—Ann Hunt and family.	
For supplies,	\$94 61
*QUINCY.—Mrs. Swain.	
For supplies,	\$20 00
*WEST BRIDGEWATER.—Abby Fadden and family.	
For supplies,	\$81 11
*METHUEN.—Nathaniel Farnum and wife.	
For supplies and medical attendance,	\$52 00
*WEYMOUTH.—John Orcutt and family.	
For supplies and medical attendance,	\$58 50
MIDDLEBORO.—Lucy B. Young and children.	
For supplies,	\$5 00
*ABINGTON.—George Orcutt.	
For supplies,	\$17 00
*STOUGHTON.—William Carrivan.	
State Reform School,	\$14 50
*STOUGHTON.—Jonathan W. Maddan.	
Ralph Houghton for coffin,	\$14 50
*WESTFORD.—James Kemp and wife.	
For supplies and medical attendance,	\$57 50
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	\$545 22

*STATE PAUPERS.

Susannah Winnett.

Paid for supplies and medical attendance,	\$88 50
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John Madagan.

For supplies and medical attendance,	\$81 88
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William Drury.

For supplies and medical attendance,	\$89 25
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Francis Keith and family.

For supplies,	\$47 63
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Ann Maria Gawith.

Board and medical attendance,	\$39 00
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Child of Francis Rooney.

Ralph Houghton, coffin,	\$4 00
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Child of Ellen Kennedy.

Ralph Houghton, coffin,	\$5 00
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	\$355 26
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES FOR THE
POOR.

†Paid for relief of sundry persons,	\$197 50
Mrs. Wheeler, for service,	6 00
R. P. Lombard, for 141 travellers,	70 30
G. A. Burrill, 24 “	10 00
Adam F. Jones, wood to James Brewer,	6 00
Overseers of Poor, relief to sundry persons, fares &c.,	14 75
State Reform School, for T. E. Bossell,	13 00
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	\$317 55
Total,	\$672 81

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Mason Lovering, 2 funerals,	\$5 00
Andrew J. Gove, 20 "	50 00
Ralph Houghton, 89 "	89 00
John Long, use of horse and care of hearse, } 93 funerals,	139 50
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	\$283 50

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons as per account returned to State, \$6,343 54

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Sundry bills (For items see Engineers' report) \$3,398 86

ABATEMENTS ON TAXES.

Paid John Adams, collector, 1865,	\$12 10
E. M. Roel, " 1867,	194 14
" " 1868,	339 22
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	\$545 46

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for 1867,	\$10 00
Engineers, services to May 1st, 1868,	35 00
Edson M. Roel, collector of taxes for 1867,	174 09
J. White Belcher, services as Selectman, Assessor	
and Overseer of the poor,	250 00
" Services on State Aid,	100 00
H. B. Alden, Jr., services as Selectman, Assessor	
and Overseer of the Poor,	250 00
" Services on State Aid,	100 00

Paid Jacob Whitcomb, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	\$250 00
“ Services on State Aid,	100 00
Wales B. Thayer, services as school committee from March 1st to April 1st, 1868,	10 50
Austin B. French, services 10 days, “	15 00
Elisha Mann, Jr., services as school committee,	75 00
Thomas West, “ “ “ and use of horse and carriage,	86 30
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	\$1,455 89

LOCK-UP.

Paid Morrison M. Alden, labor and material,	\$341 90
John B. Thayer, “ “	406 33
Gay, Manson & Co., Iron,	48 56
American Fire Proof Safe Co., doors, locks, &c.,	134 91
O. C. & N. R. R. Co., freight on brick and iron,	40 69
Thomas Fardy, labor and material,	29 81
George C. Platt, painting,	27 75
Ephraim Mann, labor and material,	41 50
Thomas Harris and others, labor,	10 00
N. F. Roel “ “ “	28 91
C. Morton, Jr., and others, furniture,	39 33
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	\$1,149 69

BUILDING ALMS HOUSE.

Paid S. S. Mann, and others, for land, (18 acres)	\$1,800 00
George Ropes, architect,	200 00
S. H. L. Pierce, as per contract,	6,437 00
N. F. Roel, labor,	272 36
Ephraim Mann, “ with team,	130 00
Seth Mann, “ “ “	36 00
Charles H. Mann “ “ “	27 00
H. & R. Rich, “	15 00
Alvan Mann, “ with team,	18 00
James J. Walworth, & Co.,	67 52

Paid Enoch Rideout, labor,	\$108 00
Edson M. Roel and others, labor,	252 42
John B. Thayer, labor and materials,	327 25
For Insurance in Norfolk, Dorchester and Quincy offices,	192 00
Joseph Graham and others, as per contract,	653 51
" " for extra work,	75 40
T. S. Clogston & Co., steam heating apparatus,	753 75
Sundry persons, labor & materials,	520 48
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	\$11,885 69

FURNITURE FOR ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Norcross, Mellen & Co., Crockery,	94 14
A. M. Mace & Co., tinware,	20 29
O. Lappen & Co., wooden ware,	38 32
Edward W. Pear, curtains,	20 55
Pierce, Brown & Co., chairs,	41 75
E. H. Bradbrook, tables,	19 75
Tucker Manufacturing Co., iron bedsteads,	110 50
Baker & Thayer, stove and tin ware,	113 84
Morrison M. Alden, tables,	30 75
Pond & Dunklee, supplies,	10 75
Ames Plow Co., " "	6 50
Manning & Glover, Beds,	63 35
Morse, Shephard & Co., Bedding, &c.,	150 59
R. W. Turner & Co., supplies,	17 45
Baker & Thayer, " "	19 21
Sundry persons, " "	11 95
Charles Estabrook, freight,	31 90
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	\$801 59

PROVISIONS, &c., FOR NEW ALMS HOUSE FROM JAN. 1st TO MAR. 1st, 1869.

Paid Martin L. Hall & Co., groceries,	65 37
D. A. Brayton, flour,	30 75
Mitchell & Plumley, beans,	4 25
Harison Bird & Co., meat,	23 00
Ephraim Mann, wood,	8 00

Paid Wm. H. Warren, coal,	\$66 40
I. D. Page, groceries,	28 65
Josiah Clark and others, meat,	22 53
Mace Gay, salary from Jan. 1st to March 1st,	58 33
Ellen Keith, service,	24 00
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	\$331 68

STOCK PURCHASED FOR TOWN FARM.

Paid Moses W. Whitcomb for one horse,	\$200 00
John Holbrook, " " cow,	90 00
Jesse Fenno " " shoat,	22 88
Benjamin Paine " " "	23 64
Josiah Thayer, " seven hens,	7 00
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	\$343 52

TOWN FARM.

Paid Ephraim Mann, plowing,	\$12 00
Manus Gallagher, manure,	20 00
Josiah Clark, " "	40 00
John Long, manure,	8 50
J. F. Dargan, potatoes,	19 00
James Gerald, labor,	4 00
Calvin May, " "	22 50
T. O'Neil and John Gill, " "	10 00
Wm. H. Wood, " "	6 00
Patrick Kiley and others, " "	7 00
Rufus Jones, labor and team, planting and haying,	77 75
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	\$226 75

TOWN FARM. CR. FOR PRODUCE RAISED.

By five tons hay,	\$100 00
120 bushels potatoes,	96 00
Pumpkins sold,	22 65
Vegetables,	15 00
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	\$233 65

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Elmer W. Holmes, printing Town Reports,	\$195 00
" " " list of poll tax payers,	
list of voters, tax bills, notices, orders,	
advertising &c.,	141 25
George B. Nichols and C. A. Roel, distributing	
town reports,	4 00
Benjamin Paine, for loss of horse for alleged defect	
in highway,	50 00
Charles K. Darling, blank books and stationery,	43 19
Thomas Groom & Co., blank books and stationery,	46 10
Wales French, interest on Bigelow note.	41 73
L. R. Peterson, labor and material on town house,	100 79
Wm. H. Warren, coal for lock-up,	25 72
Lawrence White, ringing bell for town meetings,	5 00
Charles Howland, distributing envelopes,	2 00
McKenney & Hanna, renovating beds,	14 00
A. H. Stark, varnishing hearse,	14 00
John Loring, repairs	50
Wm. Campbell, "	2 00
N. Pendergrass, storage of hearse,	10 00
Ralph Houghton, coffin stools,	5 00
" " repairs on hearse,	4 80
Eleazer Beal, surveying, and setting monuments,	18 62
Patrick McMahon, stone bounds and labor,	10 98
James Foord, recording deeds and copies,	4 75
J. G. Poole, postage,	11 67
Ephraim Mann, wood for Selectmens' room,	8 00
For advertising,	6 00
For approving town by laws and copies,	5 30
Wm. Schouler, for Record of the Rebellion,	5 00
John Long, horse and carriage hire,	20 50
H. C. Alden, copying bank returns,	5 00
Edson M. Roel, services and expenses selling town	
property,	18 80
R. W. Turner, supplies and stationery,	7 23
Wm. H. Warren and others, expenses on bastardy	
cases,	16 00
Charles Estabrook, entertainment for County Com-	
missioners and Town Officers,	30 25
Charles Estabrook, express	1 20
Sundry bills, various expenses,	28 41
Peoples' Fire Ins. Co. of Worcester, insurance,	37 00
J. White Belcher, insurance,	36 50

Paid Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	\$6 00
John Adams, "	4 20
*Josiah Clark, supplies,	8 67
W. E. Jewell, for services obtaining school money, 1867,	16 00
Jacob Whitcomb, use of horse and carriage,	30 00
Selectmen, expenses to Boston, Easton, Cambridge, Quincy, Bridgewater, Stoughton and Scituate, on town business, State Aid, and settlement of Paupers,	98 75
Royal W. Thayer, services as constable,	5 00
Wm. H. Warren, " " "	20 00
For services of special police sundry times,	28 75
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	\$1,193 44

ALMS HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Appraisal of Stock, Furniture, Provisions, &c., March
1st, 1869.

1 horse,	\$200 00
1 cow,	90 00
2 hogs,	70 00
7 hens,	7 00
2 tons of hay,	40 00
60 bushels potatoes,	48 00
5 " turnips,	2 50
20 lbs. butter,	10 00
40 " soap,	4 20
5 " tea,	4 50
52 " coffee,	5 46
4 " saleratus,	32
36 gal. molasses,	20 79
1 1-2 bbl. 2 firkins,	1 00
16 iron bedsteads,	120 50
5 army blankets,	5 00
16 navy "	38 00
12 blue mixed blankets,	21 00
8 colored bed spreads,	16 00
7 feather beds,	70 00
16 under beds,	40 00
16 single sheets,	11 20

*Refunded,

17 double sheets,	13 80
19 pillow cases,	10 45
20 feather pillows,	23 00
26 towels,	3 25
Table cloths,	14 87
6 wooden trunks,	6 00
3 dining tables,	18 00
2 tables,	11 50
6 light-stands,	8 25
58 chairs,	41 75
1 ash bbl., sifter, hod and shovel,	9 00
1 cooking stove and furniture,	94 75
5 flat-irons,	2 70
1 hammer,	1 25
1 wood-saw,	1 30
2 hatchets and bill-hook,	3 62
Steelyards,	1 50
1 saw-horse,	87
5 shovels,	6 00
1 hayfork,	50
Crockery ware,	94 14
Wooden ware,	36 20
Tin ware,	20 29
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	\$1,248 46

Names and Ages of persons supported in the Alms-
house, March 1st, 1869.

Ebenezer Holbrook,	aged 78 yrs.,	admitted Jan. 4th, 1869.
Jonathan Mann,	" 82 "	" " " "
Ebenezer Thayer,	" 73 "	" " " "
Susan Thayer,	" 77 "	" " " "
Polly Copeland,	" 68 "	" " " "
Eunice Delano,	" 59 "	" " " "
Sarah Crane,	" 72 "	" " " "
Betsy Marshall Eddy,	" 42 "	" " " "
Sarah M. Jones,	" 25 "	" " " "
Sarah Etta Law,	" 4 "	" " " "
Charles Jones,	" 2 "	" " " "
Anna E. Bagley,	" 11 "	" " " "
Mary Mullins,	" 30 "	" " " "
Timothy Mullins,	" 1 " 8 m.	" " " "

Julia Mullins,	aged	3 m.	admitted	Jan 4th	1869
Lydia Smith,	"	80 yrs.	"	" 7	"
Adeline G. Kennedy,	"	38	"	" 11	"
Mary F. Veazie,	"	36	"	" 26	"
Fanny W. "	"	11	"	" "	"
Alletta B. "	"	7	"	" "	"
Benj. V. " jr.	"	6	"	" "	"
Clarence B. "	"	3	"	" "	"
William E. Brown	"	25	"	Feb. 1	"
Kate A. Veazie,	"	1	"	" 9	"
Mary Ella Jones, infant,			"	" 13	"
Susan Pratt,		63	"	Mar. 13	"

Names of persons supported out of the Almshouse,
March 1st, 1869.

Henry M. Jones.
Betsey Jones.

Edwin Cheesman,
Mary Cheesman.

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the financial year ending March 1st, 1869, hereby report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct and properly vouched.

ROYAL W. TURNER,
NATHAN A. TOLMAN, } Auditors.
THOMAS WEST,

Randolph, March 17, 1869.

In closing the report of the Selectmen, the following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town.

* { For Schools,	\$10,000 00
" Furniture and Repairs of School Houses,	600 00
" Highways,	3,000 00
" General Town Expenses,	17,500 00
" Fire Department,	2 450 00
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Total,	\$33,550 00

SCHOOLS.

All expenditures in this department being under the direction of the School Committee, for details and recommendations see their Report, commencing on page 49.

HIGHWAYS.

The streets in all parts of the town have been kept in good repair the past year, and in some sections greatly improved. It is recommended an appropriation of three thousand dollars be made for repairs the coming year, in order to continue the highways in their present condition. Gravel from the town farm can be furnished for the roads in that vicinity. The subject of reducing the number of Highway Surveyors has often been suggested by different persons as tending greatly to the efficient and economical management of this department of town affairs. If deemed expedient the town can take action in relation thereto at its annual meeting.

ALMS HOUSE.

The Overseers of the Poor, having been notified by the building committee, that the new alms house would be ready for occupancy on the first day of January of the present year, the services of Mr. Mace Gay as Superintendent, and his wife as Matron, were engaged at a salary of \$350 00 per year. It will be observed on page 34 there are at the present time twenty-six inmates of the new house. In consequence of this number being larger than expected it became necessary to finish the third story at an expense of about \$650. After careful investi-

*Report of School Committee.

gation in relation to the best method of heating the building it was decided to use Clogston's Steam Heating Apparatus, which cost all complete, about \$800, and for the three months it has been in operation has given entire satisfaction. The furniture for the house is almost entirely new, and cost \$800 00. For other expenses of the buildings and land see report under heading of New Almshouse. Although the land and buildings have required a large outlay, yet the efficiency, economy and humanity of this arrangement can hardly be overrated. Here the poor can receive every comfort that an enlightened community demands, and that at a moderate expense. The farm is capable of being gradually improved, and thereby annually increasing in productiveness, will greatly assist in supporting the institution.

Total expense for supporting the poor in and out of the almshouse for Nov. and Dec. 17. 1868, \$1,445 17.

Total expense for Jan. and Feb., 1869, under the New Almshouse System, \$415 68. This difference is principally accounted for from the fact that many who formerly received assistance, decided to support themselves, rather than be relieved in the manner the town has provided.

TOWN DEBT.

It will be seen by referring to the report of the Treasurer the debt of the town has increased about \$9,300 00 the last year. This increase has arisen in consequence of purchasing the town farm, and erection of buildings thereon, at an expense of \$12,600, and also interest on the town debt amounting to \$3500 00, for the payment of which no provision was made by the town. It will readily be seen if the money had been raised for the above named purposes the debt of the town instead of being increased would have been reduced about \$7,000.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WHITE BELCHER,	} Selectmen of Randolph.
H. B. ALDEN, JR.,	
JACOB WHITCOMB,	

Randolph, March 17, 1869.

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STATE OF THE TREASURY.

Dr.

Notes to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, .	\$70,000 00	Value of Eight Shares R. N. Bank, .	\$1,000 00
Note No. 98, to Beulah Hunt, .	1,000 00	Balance due on Tax, 1868, .	390 16
" " 102, to Zeno Linfield, .	700 00	" from Treasurer, .	564 21
Notes Nos. 121, 154, 224, 236, 244, to Patrick McMahon, .	2,800 00	" State Aid due, .	8,590 00
Note No. 134, to Joshua Hunt, .	228 00	" " Pauper Account due, .	319 63
" " 167, to Ebenezer Moulton, .	900 00	" due from other towns, .	45 50
Notes Nos. 178, 186, 239, 255, to Austin Roel, .	500 00	Notes Receivable, .	700 00
" " 179, 256, to Lemuel Wentworth, .	1,600 00	Balance, .	88,718 50
Note No. 184, to Elizabeth Pendergrass, .	100 00		
" " 199, to Thomas West (guardian), .	300 00		
" " 208, to Susanna Fisher, .	200 00		
" " 210, to P. E. Wilbur, .	500 00		
Notes Nos. 217, 242, to Esther J. Thayer, .	800 00		
Note No. 221, to George H. Nichols, .	200 00		
" " 225, to Anna Thayer, .	300 00	Increase of debt, .	\$9,330 00
" " 230, to Washington Thayer, .	500 00		
" " 240, to John Fitzgerald, .	1,000 00		
" " 241, to Bradford Thayer, .	400 00		
" " 243, to Esther Thayer, .	500 00		
" to Randolph National Bank, .	15,000 00		
" to S. S. Mann, .	1,800 00		
Estimated amount Interest due, .	1,000 00		
	<u>\$100,328 00</u>		<u>\$100,328 00</u>

1869.			
March.	Paid Town Orders, Nos. 1 to 416 inclusive,	\$49,599 58	
	" Treasury Notes,	12,770 00	
	" Interest on do.,	5,939 63	
	" State Tax, 1868,	6,320 00	
	" H. C. Alden, Treasurer,	100 00	
	" T. Groen & Co.'s bill, Note Book,	14 50	
	" Sexton's returning deaths,	10 50	
	" Town Clerk, recording births, marriages,		
	and deaths,	67 40	
	" Stamps, blank book, paper, envelopes,		
	&c., for Clerk and Treasurer,	14 75	
	* Balance,	2,454 37	

Bank Stock,	\$800 00
E. M. Roel, Tax, 1868,	380 16
Cash and Bills,	564 21
Notes Receivable,	700 00
	<u>\$2,454 37*</u>

The subscribers, Auditors of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Randolph, for the year ending February 29th, 1869, have examined the accounts of HIRAM C. ALDEN, Treasurer, with care, and have found the same correctly cast, and properly vouched with suitable entries.

ROYAL W. TURNER,
NATHAN A. TOLMAN, } *Auditors.*
THOMAS WEST,

1869.	Balance,	\$4,323 50
March.	Rec'd for Treasury Notes issued,	21,800 06
	" Tax Bill, 1868,	39,527 15
	" Salt Grass,	42 70
	" Liquor sold (Agency),	20 00
	" of Guardian of R. T. Beal,	116 40
	" Rent of Schoolhouse, District No. 9,	\$6.25 7 30
	" of County Commissioners for Licenses,	175 04
	" State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	2,289 00
	" " State Aid,	5,600 00
	" " State Paupers,	114 86
	" " State School Fund,	354 50
	" Randolph National Bank, Dividends,	96 00
	" Sundry persons, bills refunded,	205 83
	" Town of Methuen, pauper,	52 00
	" Mrs. Weather, refunded,	216 95
	" Town of Stoughton, repairs of hose,	
	\$11.00; paupers, \$47.50,	58 50
	" Town of Quincy, paupers,	114 61
	" " Dartmouth,	44 00
	" " Abington,	43 50
	" " No. Bridgewater, schooling,	
	\$20 00; pauper, \$4.25,	24 25
	" Town of Westford, pauper,	57 50
	" " West Bridgewater, pauper,	136 99
	" " Weymouth,	58 50
	" for Almshouse and Land,	990 00
	" from Town Farm,	52 13
	" for Engine House,	155 00
	" two safes, \$140; stove, \$6; ash tree,	
	\$3; goods at Almshouse, \$4 50,	153 50
	" from licensed liquor-sellers, pr. ct. on sales,	151 24
	" of E. M. Roel, Interest on Tax, 1867,	282 62
	" " J. Adams,	42 90
	" " " 1865,	14 00
	" E. M. Roel, extra Poll Taxes,	
		<u>\$77,320 73</u>

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

The investments of "The Stetson School Fund" now amount to Ten Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars, viz :

10 shares Elliot National Bank,	Boston,	(par)	\$1,000
10 " Webster " "	"	"	1,000
10 " Hide & Leather National Bank,	"	"	1,000
10 " Shoe & " " "	"	"	1,000
10 " Exchange " " "	"	"	1,000
10 " Boylston " " "	"	"	1,000
10 " Tremont " " "	"	"	1,000
20 " Old Boston " " "	"	"	1,000
13 " Shawmut " " "	"	"	1,300
13 " Randolph " " "	"	"	1,300

\$10,600

The yearly account accompanying this report gives a cash balance of Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven and 8-100 Dollars (\$827.08) the greater part of which will be required to meet the expenses, salary, &c., already accrued, as by the division of terms it is inconvenient to make the "Fund" year conform with the "Financial" year of the town. The records of the school show that from forty (40) to forty-five (45) pupils have been registered during the year and that the attendance has been very good until within a few weeks, when the prevailing sickness has in this as in other schools prevented the presence of numerous scholars. The class graduating at the close of the present term numbers but four (4), a fact that the Trustees deeply regret, convinced as they are that to render the School the greatest advantage, the pupils entering should continue through the entire course. Parents, the Trustees feel, do not sufficiently realize the great impediment thrown in the way of their children's education in not allowing them to remain if possible the entire course of four years, when they have once entered the School. It is hoped at the opening of the new term and year, more than the average number of qualified applicants will present themselves for admission. The Trustees, and Mr. Deane the teacher, take this opportunity (if the reports shall be seasonably distributed) to invite parents and all others in-

clined, to be present at the annual examination on Friday April 2d, and also to visit the School as often as possible during its sessions.

DANIEL HOWARD, }
JOHN L. FRENCH, } Trustees.
L. S. WHITCOMB, }

SETH TURNER, Secretary.

RANDOLPH, March, 17, 1869.

Having examined the account of the "Trustees of the Stetson High School Fund" we certify that the same is correct, with certificates of Bank Stock, as stated, amounting to Ten Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$10,600), and cash Eight Hundred Twenty-seven and 8-100 Dollars (\$827.08) all in the hands of the Secretary.

J. WHITE BELCHER, } Selectmen
H. B. ALDEN, JR., } of
JACOB WHITCOMB, } Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March. 17, 1869.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE STETSON HIGH-SCHOOL FUND.

1868.		1869.	
Mar. 5.	To Balance last year's account,	\$1,031 25	
April.	" Six mos. Div'd Exchange Bank, \$60		\$46 25
	" " " Shoe & Leather Bank, 60		13 75
	" " " Shawmut Bank, . 50		15 73
	" " " Webster Bank, . 50		3 00
	" " " Eliot Bank, . 50		600 00
	" " " Boylston Bank, . 70		27 00
	" " " Tremont Bank, . 50		100 80
	" " " Old Boston Bank, . 50		600 00
	" " " Hide & Leather Bank, 70		6000
	" " " Randolph Bank, . 78	588 00	10 50
Sep. 29.	" Randolph National Bank, rent,	75 00	
Oct r.	" Six mos. Div'd Exchange Bank, \$60		16 49
	" " " Shoe & Leather Bank, 60		41 35
	" " " Shawmut Bank, . 50		3 00
	" " " Webster Bank, . 40		8 00
	" " " Eliot Bank, . 50		2 25
	" " " Boylston Bank, . 70		105 00
	" " " Tremont Bank, . 50		22 00
	" " " Old Boston Bank, . 50		13 90
	" " " Randolph Bank, . 78	508 00	1 75
1869.	" Interest and right, Shawmut Bank, .	9 20	6 00
Jan'y.	" Interest item, .	1 00	8 00
Jan. 8.	" Amount received of Town as Annual Appropriation, .	300 00	300 00
Mar. 8.	" Randolph National Bank, 6 mos. rent,	75 00	20 00
	" Amount received during the year of sundry persons, for use of Hall, .	257 00	827 08
			\$2,844 45
CITY.			
Mar. 13.	By pay M. M. Alden bill, platform, chairs, coal-bin, labor, &c.		\$46 25
25.	" N. A. Tolman, 3,060 lbs. coal, .		13 75
April 11.	" V. H. Dean, sundries, .		15 73
May.	" S. Turner, cleaning cellar, .		3 00
	" V. H. Dean, 6 months' salary, .		600 00
	" Bill, books for school, .		27 00
June 15.	" Selectmen's bill, repairs, .		100 80
July 1.	" V. H. Dean, 6 months' salary to date, .		600 00
	" Care room, one year, .		6000
	" Printing and chemicals, &c., .		10 50
Sept. 21.	" Cleaning, varnishing, painting, coal-bin, &c.		16 49
	" Baker & Thayer's bill, pipe, hod, &c., .		41 35
Oct. 19.	" W. H. Smith, charcoal, .		3 00
24.	" Hiram Jones, wood, .		8 00
27.	" T. O'Neill, cutting wood, &c, .		2 25
Nov. 27.	" V. H. Dean, 10 tons coal, .		105 00
Dec. 26.	" C. W. Wakefield's bill, matting, .		22 00
	" J. L. Brown's bill, .		13 90
	" C. Morton's bill, one table, .		1 75
	" V. H. Dean, ink, crayons, &c., .		6 00
	" Hiram Jones, wood, .		8 00
1869.	" Three (3) Shares new stock Shawmut Bank, Boston, .		300 00
January.	" Trustees and Secretary, for one year's services, .		20 00
Mar. 15.	" Balance,		827 08
			\$2,844 45

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Selectmen of Randolph, Gentlemen:

The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph, would respectfully report that the expenses of the department for the year have been as follows:

AQUARIUS, No. 1.

For the Year ending May 1, 1868.

Paid I. N. Lovering, steward,	\$10 00
Lincoln & Sylvester,	3 00
48 men for services,	240 00
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	\$253 00

For the Year to March 1, 1869.

Paid Joseph Donahoe, steward,	\$13 00
S. G. Cheever, repairing hose and refitting couplings	10 50
S. B. Lovering, 1-2 ton coal,	7 00
" " " 2 feet wood,	1 50
" " " cutting,	80
Edmund Young, repairs on engine,	62
Lincoln & Sylvester,	4 45
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	\$37 87
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	\$290 87

INDEPENDENCE, No. 2.

For the Year ending May 1st, 1868.

Paid J. B. McGrane, steward,	\$20 00
50 men, for services,	250 00
E. Mann, wood,	4 50
R. C. Taylor, 2 gallons neats-foot oil,	6 00
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	\$280 50

For the Year to March 1st, 1869.

Paid Walter Cartwright, 1 dozen belts,	\$15 00
" " straps for hose carriage,	50

Paid S. G. Cheever, repairing and exchanging hose,	\$21 25
Preston Abbott, steward,	2 25
Baker & Thayer, globe for Lantern,	85
Wm. Campbell, repairs,	3 50
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	\$43 35
	\$323 85

FEARLESS, No. 3.

For the Year ending May 1st, 1868.

Paid Selwyn Wilbur, steward,	\$18 40
R. T. Mann, bill,	9 75
R. C. Taylor, 2 gallons neats-foot oil,	6 00
50 men for services,	250 00
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	\$284 15

For the Year to March 1st, 1869.

Paid S. G. Cheever, new ring and fitting screw to suction hose,	\$1 50
S. G. Cheever, oiling and repairing 2 pieces suction hose,	2 00
R. C. Taylor, 2 gallons neats-foot oil,	6 00
Baker & Thayer, 3 oil burners,	45
" " globe for lantern,	85
G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	2 55
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	28 00
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	\$41 35
	\$325 50

RELIEF, No. 4.

For the Year ending May 1st, 1868.

Paid Ezra Whitcomb, steward,	\$17 50
T. West, 2 quarts kerosene oil and wick,	30
" 1 quart sperm "	80
" sundries,	3 22
R. C. Taylor, 2 gallons neats-foot oil,	6 00
38 men for services,	190 00
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	\$217 82

For the Year to March 1st, 1869.

Paid Ezra Whitcomb, steward,	\$4 50
Noyes, repairs,	1 00
T. West, supplies,	5 96
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	\$11 46
	\$229 28

FIRE KING, No. 5.

For the Year ending May 1st, 1868.

Paid Wm. P. Sullivan, steward,	\$26 75
50 men for services,	250 00
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	\$276 75

For the Year to March 1st, 1869.

Paid G. A. Burrell, steward,	\$20 01
W. Cartwright, handle for pipe,	2 50
“ 4 straps,	1 10
“ caps for cylinders,	4 00
Thomas Fardy, repairs on engine,	2 00
S. G. Cheever, “ “ and hose,	3 75
Baker & Thayer,	8 31
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	\$41 67
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	\$318 42

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

For the Year ending May 1st, 1868.

Paid E. G. French, rent of land up to date, (Aquarius)	\$10 00
Seth Mann 2d, “ “ July 1, 1868, (Independence,)	8 00
Mrs. Abbe A. Mann, rent of land to July 1, 1868, (Fearless,)	10 00
S. G. Cheever, repairing hose, Relief, after fire at East Stoughton, refunded by town of Stoughton	11 00
S. G. Cheever, 400 feet leading hose,	600 00
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	\$639 00

For the Year to March 1st, 1869.

Paid T. West, painting engine house, No. 4,	30 18
M. M. Alden, repairs on well curbs and fences after fires,	8 39
J. B. Thayer, repairs on cistern (Independence)	2 50
“ building “ (Fire King)	29 13
John Loring, cover to well,	2 90
R. Houghton, seats and repairs on Independence house	17 00
“ stationery, postage, &c.,	2 50

Paid J. Clark, expressing,	\$1 00
A. J. Gove, "	1 00
R. W. Turner, neats-foot oil,	8 00
F. Porter,	2 72
Ephraim Mann,	2 00
C. Estabrook, expressing,	6 15
Baker & Thayer,	3 45
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	\$116 92
	\$755 92
Building Fire King house,	\$1,155 00
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	\$1,910 92

RECAPITULATION.

Aquarius, No. 1,	\$290 87
Independence, No. 2,	323 87
Fearless, No. 3,	325 50
Relief, No. 4,	229 28
Fire King, No. 5,	318 42
Micellaneous,	755 92
Building Fire King House,	1,155 00
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	\$3,398 86

During the past year the department has been called out to the following fires :

May 9.—Barn of Col. Moses C. Beal, on South Main street. Insured for \$200. Incendiary.

Sept. 6.—House of Mr. Timothy Lyons, on Mill street. Insured for \$500. Accidental.

Feb. 13.—An alarm was given caused by the setting on fire of an unoccupied barn on West street belonging to Mr. F. A. Stanley, but the fire was extinguished without the assistance of the department.

Feb. 22.—Same barn was again set on fire and consumed. Insured.

The department remains in the same condition as to efficiency, the number of Engines, location, &c., as at our last annual report; but the Fearless is still owned by individuals, and the engineers would again renew their recommendation that the town purchase this Engine at a fair price.

We have expended the money appropriated by the town at its last annual meeting for new hose by the purchase of 400 feet and think it would be economy to raise a sum sufficient for the purchase of 200 feet more to replace those worn out and worthless in the east part of the town.

The greatest obstacle to the efficiency of the department at fires is the want of water; the best wells in town will not last an engine more than fifteen or twenty minutes, and the most of them not more than from three to five. At the burning of Mr. T. Lyon's house on Mill street, the department was promptly on hand and attempted to draft from five different wells without being able to get a drop of water on the fire, partly owing to the great depth of wells in the vicinity, and the dry season of the year. We therefore would recommend that the town renew their vote of two years ago in regard to reservoirs.

In accordance with the vote of the town we have caused to be erected (at a cost not exceeding the appropriation) a commodious house for the Fire King, suitably large for hook and ladder truck or a hose carriage, whenever in the opinion of the town it is thought advisable to purchase them.

The suggestion made by the engineers last year in regard to a Fire Police has been partially carried out, but as the fires the past year have not been extensive there has not been that amount of labor that larger fires would create. So far as our observations go we are of the opinion that it is a practical thing,

and we therefore would recommend the continuance of the Fire Police.

In our estimation it will be necessary to raise for the Fire Department, the ensuing year, the following sums :

For new hose for Aquarius,	\$200 00
Repairs and incidental expenses,	500 00
Pay of Engine men,	1,750 00
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	\$2,450 00

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WEST, Chief Engineer.

W. H. WARREN,	} Assistant
J. B. THAYER,	
L. WILBUR,	} Engineers.
J. W. WHITE.	
R. HOUGHTON, Clerk.	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We find ourselves near the close of another school year, with a statute requiring that the school committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several schools, which report shall contain such suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary to promote the interest thereof.

This duty we shall now attempt, although in a very imperfect manner, to perform.

The town appropriated for the support of schools,	\$10,000 00
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Received from other sources as follows :

Income of State school fund,	\$354 56
“ from Coddington donation,	138 75
From No. Bridgewater for schooling,	20 00

\$10,513 31

Paid for salaries to teachers,	\$8,253 99
“ “ fuel,	720 00
“ “ care of rooms,	592 53
“ to Trustees of Stetson School Fund,	300 00

The town also appropriated for furniture and repairs of school houses,	\$500 00
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This sum has been expended, and more, and yet for lack of money several rooms are unsupplied with suitable slate surface, and two have very poorly arranged benches and seats, and we are satisfied from our, although limited, experience, that money is well expended in furnishing rooms conveniently, and in keeping yards, fences, houses and even out houses, in as good condition as such property would be kept if in the hands of common citizens; that the associations with which our children

are surrounded much of their time, during ten years of their early life, should be such as would promote the cultivation of good habits and correct deportment. We apprehend that no citizen, upon a little reflection, would controvert the idea that everything connected with school-rooms, houses and surroundings, have a direct bearing upon the present condition of the schools, as well as the future moral condition of the man. In the present condition, more time is taken by the teacher in governing. For instance: loose benches or seats may become playthings for twice their number of lazy boys, and the vicious tendencies of such associations, added to the loss of *time* taken to govern, which should be devoted to legitimate school work, are too manifest to need a word of proof. This suggests to our mind the great question. "For what purpose are schools established, and what may we reasonably expect of them?" And in attempting to answer this question we first notice that our schools are *public, free*, and thus *for all*—and should be attended by all; that the houses, rooms and appurtenances, together with the habits, speech and personal appearance of all should be such as not to offend any.

The statutes require "All instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard for truth, love of their country, and their neighbors, humanity, and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance;" and further: "It shall be the duty of the resident minister of the gospel, the selectmen, and the school committee to exert their influence, and use their best endeavors that the youth of the town shall regularly attend the schools established for their instruction."

ATTENDANCE.

We extract from the report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, Jan., 1868, the following: "In the year 1680 the selectmen of Sudbury, in obedience to an order of the General Court, requiring returns to be made rela-

tive to the support of the ministry, the maintenance of schools, &c.," reported that "having gone over the houses throughout the town, from house to house, and inspected and made inquiry," they "do find that all children and young persons are in a forward and growing way as to *reading* and *catechising*, and as to *work* and *employment*, they find them generally diligent and in a hopeful thriving way in all respects;" and further, "that though there be no stated school, the inhabitants being scattered," (the number of families "in and about town" was 59.) "they have two school-dames each side of the river that teach the small children to spell and read;" "and for teaching to write and cipher there is Mr. Thomas Walker, and two or three others about town that do teach;" "and touching persons who live from under family government or after a dissolute and disorderly manner, to ye dishonoring of God and corrupting of youth, the selectmen, after personal inquiry into all families and quarters, in and about this town, do return the answer, *that they find none such among them.*" Well does the historian from whose pages I have taken these simple words add: "Who can estimate how far we are indebted to the noble spirit speaking in these tones of homeliness and simplicity, for the intelligence and enterprise, the moral and religious spirit which have since characterized this Commonwealth!"

Now if the selectmen and school-committee, each whom by statute is required to *do something*, will act as school missionaries and as parties directly interested (as did our ancient brethren of Sudbury), while the truant laws enacted by the town several years since are being ratified by the Court, we perhaps should be more fully represented in our schools, and *entirely* avoid the conflict and difficulties attending the executive enforcement of such laws. We feel it to be as much the civil and moral duty of parents, and powers, to cause that children should *attend* school as it is the civil and moral duty of the public or town to set apart their money for the *maintenance* of schools.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING.

After we get the children in school by co-operative effort from all parties, we then need teachers who understand the mind, its nature, and something of what is suitable to be done for its right development or growth,—not mere intellectual strength and power, without a balancing or qualifying power,—but the aim and end of teaching should be to establish and promote the growth of those principles in the child's mind, which will result in a fully developed citizen-man, we will not say an angel, but leave that result to be attained through the exercise of a higher plane of teaching. But we do need, and the statutes, and the *expectations* of *communities*, do require, that our schools take firm steps in the way of teaching that which will produce good citizens. Teachers should feel the moral responsibility that rests *upon them*, and should teach the same to their pupils from the first to the last step of their school life. For a merely *intellectual* education gives only the *power* to act. And one possessing such an education may well be compared to a steam engine constructed with only power to go, and with nothing to regulate its goings, and very likely would prove to be not only a useless but very dangerous machine.

We should have that taught in schools which will show us how to live when grown to manhood and womanhood—that is, on the *civil* and *social* planes of life. We do not say teach religion—leave that to the church. But it will not do to leave to church and home that which must be done in the schools, no matter what is, or may be, done at home,—the more the better, if in the right direction, but it will in no way exonerate our schools. Homes are families—schools, communities; and there should be all those principles taught in them which will enable each and every member to live a good civil and social life in a community.

Teachers meetings have been held, as before, once in two or three weeks; the object of which is to produce a better condition of school education, the exercises consisting in illustrations of the methods of teaching different subjects, with discussions seeking the best method,

each teacher thereby gaining the benefit of the experience and wisdom of all the others. These meetings are considered very useful by most of our teachers, so much so that they would very reluctantly forego them. Of the few (four or five) who have not attended, one who has become very active and interested in her school declares that she feels she is losing by her absence. And we would frankly say, to all who appear to teach for just so many dollars, and have no interest in their work after their dollars appear to be earned, that *that* money will buy school *teachers*, but not school *teaching*.

We have stated that we need teachers that understand something of the mind, what it is; and upon this point there appears to be more error than need be. Let each teacher ask himself—"Is the mind a sack into which I can stuff any amount of (no matter how incongruous) material and can this be appropriated to the living mind if it be only memorized and repeated?" "Well," the teacher replies, "the book says so—what shall I do?" Yes, but the mind is worth more than the book,—the book is a tool, only aiding us to work, and we should be very cautious that through the improper use of tools we do not destroy the fabric. Give the child what it needs in a way to be comprehended, and do not think that you have accomplished much until the scholar appreciates and understands and in some degree appropriates the matter to the development and growth of the mind, similarly as food is appropriated to the growth and development of the body; to illustrate, we sometimes hear classes in mental arithmetic repeating numbers in addition, multiplication, &c., as a mere memorizing process, without any apparent idea of what number relates to. A boy twelve years of age, and nearly through mental arithmetic, being asked by his teacher, "What is the sum of sixty-eight and seventy-four" readily answered, "one hundred forty-two," and when asked to place the work upon a blackboard, wrote the numbers thus 68, 74, and could not add or tell how he did put them together. Now the question comes to the teacher (or should come to her), "what has the boy really done?" probably some one told him the sum of the numbers and he remembered it, and

that was all. This may in part have arisen from the too great prominence given to mental arithmetic, separated from practical work. But this certainly cannot be of much value to the scholar, and is *entirely* the fault of *teaching*.

Thus reading, when taught principally from imitation, may present a beautiful exhibition, but when the sample to work by is removed, the reading falls back to the scholar's ability to appreciate or understand the thought of the author.

We subjoin an extract from the report of the Board of Education, Jan., 1868.

"Modern education is being improved in all departments, by becoming more practical. In all kinds of teaching much is gained by constantly asking the use of each process. In teaching geography, for instance, we now are beginning to substitute map drawing for the old method of committing to memory lists of towns, rivers, islands, lakes, &c., which were better forgotten than remembered. In many schools a child may now be called to the blackboard, and will draw from memory a sufficiently accurate outline of a European or American State. This knowledge, once acquired, remains; whereas on the other system, when a child has nearly put out his eyes by looking up, on a finely printed map, the names of all the lakes in Nevada, or towns in Bavaria, he is pretty sure to forget them again in a few days. But when a child is made to learn that which he is sure to forget, it is not his memory which is educated, but his habit of forgetting."

We do not wish, neither is it prudent for us, to publish our opinion of individual teachers, and while we have to acknowledge unfortunate selections in a few instances, we feel confident that the number of good schools is on the increase, and the number of poor ones less than was enumerated a year ago. This has been accomplished only by selecting such persons for teachers as appear most competent to perform the desired work, and rendering them the compensation necessary to secure their services.

Two years since, that is, in the spring of 1867, the

town voted (with some qualifications) that the wages of teachers be reduced 20 per cent. An attempt was made to conform to these instructions, and resulted in the loss of services of one teacher who procured a situation in an adjoining town with higher wages than she had received here. In referring to the school returns, published by Board of Education, we find that in the year referred to, 1867, there were only two towns in the county of Norfolk which paid less wages to female teachers than Randolph, and that the average rate of their wages in the County was very much higher than paid by us. After we have procured the services of efficient teachers, they will need convenient school-rooms, (two of them, Nos. 5 and 6, intermediate, are very poorly arranged) and slate surface upon the walls, for the writing of examples, and illustrations. These, however, are very good in the school-rooms in the centre of the town, but have been neglected upon the outside for the want of means to make them better. It being interpreted that all supplies to schools, such as books, ink and wells, crayons, black-board surface, the building of fences, or partitions to make additional school rooms, with every other conceivable expense, must be charged to the appropriation for furniture and repairs. Now whatever may be the necessity for these interpretations, it certainly is very poor policy to neglect those sections from which a few only ever enter the grammar schools.

Having already dwelt long, and perhaps tediously upon the subject of teachers and teaching generally, permit us to call attention for a moment to our probable ability to supply teachers in future, such teachers as we are beginning to be sensible that we need. The response is very readily anticipated; which is,—educate them in our High Schools. Pupils for the most part leave the intermediate schools with very immature minds, and from *some* locations (to say the least) with very immature education, enter the grammar schools in this condition, and are forced through them, perhaps in one year, into the High School, and there pursue an entirely different and higher course of studies for four years; and during the whole period, there perhaps would not be a *single*

exercise that would be of practical utility in a primary or intermediate school. Now it seems to us that the people (parents and children) are at fault, in hurrying through the lower schools. Perhaps it is because they are so poor they do not wish to remain in them, but this will only increase the force of the argument that the teachers who labor in those schools need a more practical education; that we may not have to witness the spectacle of a scholar twelve years of age, as already referred to, and perhaps to leave school for the workshop without a practical knowledge of any branch, not so much as to be able to write and add the simplest of numbers. This is very wrong, and deserves no better name than cruelty; yet is entirely the fault of teaching. But it appears to your committee to be within the power of the town, and at no very great increase of expense, to do something in the way of remedying this very great fault, or, it may be, evil.

We would respectfully recommend to the town that in the appropriation to the Stetson High School, it be sufficient, and on condition, that there be appointed by the Trustees, the school committee concurring, an assistant teacher, to instruct pupils in that school who wish, or intend, to become teachers, in the art of teaching the branches usually pursued in primary and intermediate schools, in a more simple and effective manner; that is, the more nearly connected with the senses,—*object teaching*, as it is sometimes called,—and thus avoid the stultifying process of simply memorizing that yet prevails to some extent. We believe this course would be beneficial, and very satisfactory if once tried; and if successful, teachers would come to the work with some idea of the art of *communicating* knowledge, which differs widely from simply knowing; and we might not be subjected to the loss of a year from our children's lives for them to learn upon. The habit prevails, but we feel it to be wrong, to employ inexperienced teachers in our primary schools. Would a *gardener* appoint a novitiate (with no practical knowledge of the use of tools, or how to apply the earth to promote the growth of vegetable life) to a place occupied with the youngest and tender-

est plants? Certainly not, and yet this is the way we proceed in regard to the appointment of teachers and the providing of schools, and the probable reason of its apparent success is, that the little sufferers do not know how to complain.

In concluding our general, and very desultory remarks, we would say that, although the town had passed a vote, requiring that the schools should be closed on the first of March, we were unable to conform to that order and do justice to all. Several schools have been continued to give them equal length, delays having arisen from sickness, and loss of time where changes in teachers have been made. And it appears to us that it will be better for all schools, and all connected with them, that there should be a uniform and permanently settled time for all school years, and terms, to commence; thus, primary schools to have three terms of twelve weeks each,—thirty-six weeks; intermediate, thirty-eight weeks; grammar, and high schools, forty weeks—first term commencing so as to complete twelve weeks before fourth of July week, the second before thanksgiving; the third term would differ in length of time for different grades of schools, and would obviate the necessity for having all schools close at the same time. This would present the opportunity to older and stronger scholars to continue longer in school, for the winter term,—a season in which they will not be likely to find better employment,—and would allow that the yearly schools, or those taught by teachers hired for the year, should continue forty weeks. There would then be an average of nearly thirty-eight week's school, which is less than any town in the county (excepting one) having a population, and valuation, equal to Randolph.

We subjoin an estimate of expenses for the year ensuing, and we have no doubt that, at the end of the year, our bills will amount to more than our estimates, *unless* we neglect especially the department denominated furniture and repairs, to which we have added painting.

THOMAS WEST,	}	School
ELISHA MANN JR.,	}	Committee.

Estimates for the ensuing year.

For salaries of Teachers,	\$8,500 00
“ care of rooms, &c.,	600 00
“ Fuel,	800 00
“ Stetson High School,	400 00
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	\$10,300 00
For furniture, repairs of yards, fences, out-	
houses, and incidental expenses,	\$600 00
“ painting school houses,	400 00
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	\$1,000 00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	District.	Grade.	Whole Number of Scholars.			Average Attendance.			No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. Visitors.
			Sp'g.	Fall.	Win.	Sp'g.	Fall.	Win.			
Ada Belcher.....	1	....	48	40	35	39	32	28	..	..	31
E. Florence Kennedy }											
Mary E. Rodgers .. }											
Estelle F. Wilson.....	2	Prim.	23	23	..	18	18	..	1	..	33
Susan A. Whitcomb...	2	Int.	31	30	50	26	26	34	1	..	21
S. Augusta Bass.....	3	....	59	59	58	53	46	50	1	2	49
Mary J. Austin.....	4	Prim.	48	43	33	37	28	25	7	..	23
Hannah O. Noyes....	4	Int.	37	34	36	28	27	30	..	5	28
Alice A. Smith.....	5	....	38	37	35	30	27	26	..	..	27
Lottie S. Bean.....	6	Prim.	52	54	45	36	33	25	7	..	38
Estelle F. Wilson.... }											
Helen S. Dunbar.....	6	Int.	40	36	34	35	27	23	..	..	35
Enna M. Packard....	7	....	53	46	39	43	32	33	..	..	40
Emma F. Veazie.....	8	Prim.	68	61	59	55	45	40	..	..	48
Emma P. Ryan.....	8	Prim.	73	70	66	59	59	40	..	..	43
Ella V. Wales.....	8	....	67	66	64	54	52	40	..	..	54
Flora A. Belcher.... }	8	Prim.	80	82	67	66	59	48	2	..	40
Anna Stevens..... }											
S. M. Tielston.....	8	Int.	57	55	54	50	49	43	..	..	39
Hannah F. Thayer....	8	Int.	56	51	49	50	43	28	..	..	40
Sarah E. Shankland...	8	Int.	53	51	50	42	44	37	..	2	52
Thomas H. West.....	8	Gram.	48	45	45	35	38	38	..	5	36
Mary H. French.....	9	Prim.	70	70	64	61	62	54	6	..	29
Mary L. Prescott ... }	9	Int.	31	36	36	29	32	30	..	..	35
Imogene A. Lawrence }											
Mary E. Minter.... }											
John V. Beal.....	9	Gram.	48	45	42	44	40	37	..	..	37
Lucy J. Thayer.....	10	Prim.	48	45	33	38	32	20	..	..	37
Mary E. Wood.....	10	Int.	42	42	33	35	32	22	..	..	52
Wales B. Thayer.....	10	Gram.	53	44	42	44	36	30	..	8	50
F. W. Lewis.....	..	High	37	30	30	35	25	27	..	..	..
E. B. Gale.....											

The whole number of persons in town, between five and fifteen, . . . 1,390

Decrease in one year, 86

Number of children in town attending school, under five, . . . 25

Number of persons in town attending school, over fifteen, . . . 22

Marriages Recorded in Randolph, 1868.

1866.

Feb. 24. Alpheus Field and Clara Piper, both of Randolph.

1867.

Jan. 1. John T. Cartwright and Martha R. Houghton, both of Randolph.

Apr. 8. William G. Douglass of N. Bridgewater and Aseneth Morse, of Randolph.

" 2. William B. Stetson and Clara J. Hobart, both of Randolph.

May 16. Prince A. McKenzie and Mary Hollis, both of Randolph.

" 17. Moses N. Hunt and Carrie C. Keith, both of North Bridgewater.

" 19. Henry M. White and Sarah D. Lothrop, both of Randolph.

" 26. Marney P. Snow and Olive J. Snow, both of North Bridgewater.

" 26. Peter Buckley of Randolph and Catharine Carlan of Canton.

June 1. Henry D. Whitcomb and Maria F. Wilbur, both of Randolph.

" 5. Edwin B. Hooker of Abington and Julia Belcher of Randolph.

Nov. 24. William W. Blencowe of Randolph and Mary E. Belcher of Stoughton.

1868.

Jan. 1. Charles Hayden of Randolph and Emma C. Tournier of No. Wayne, Me.

" 1. Elijah A. Morse of Canton and Felicia Vining of Randolph.

" 3. James H. Jacobs of Randolph and Rachel M. Orcutt of Abington.

" 9. Cyrus Decoster of Randolph and Isabella Bicknell of Buckfield, Me.

" 14. Samuel E. Hawes and Sarah R. Leonard, both of Randolph.

" 18. Samuel E. Ring and Sally Phillips, both of Kingston.

" 27. Elbridge L. Leach and Susan Tower, both of Randolph.

" 30. Edward A. Perry and Martha E. Turner, both of Randolph.

Feb. 25. Michael McMahon and Mary C. Masterson, both of Randolph.

" 29. Charles L. Savil of Quincy and Almira A. Crooker of Randolph.

Mar. 18. John B. Dean and Susan F. Gray, both of Randolph.

" 26. Adam Acherson of Randolph and Catharine B. Marsh of Willimantic, Conn.

" 31. Frederick Chandler and Anna Cahill, both of Randolph.

Apr. 15. Charles H. Belcher and Eliza J. Thayer, both of Randolph.

May 8. John Crosby and Mary A. Kelliher, both of Randolph.

" 8. William Frizzell of Randolph and Mary Megley of Boston.

" 12. Edmund Burke and Mary Slattery, both of Randolph.

" 22. Joseph Millett and Zoe Greenwood, both of Randolph.

June 7. Marcus H. Reynolds of N. Bridgewater and Emma N. Walsh of Randolph.

" 28. William A. Croak and Mary F. Thayer, both of Randolph.

July 3. Solon David of Braintree and Hannah A. Chessman of Randolph.

" 15. Winfield S. McMakins of Abington and Sarah E. Willis of Randolph.

" 16. Leonard T. Paine and Sarah A. Roel, both of Randolph.

" 16. Joseph B. Lord and Mary E. Moulton, both of Randolph.

Aug. 10. Francis H. Erskine of Binghampton, N. Y., and Ellen M. Thayer of Randolph.

- Sept. 6. Augustus Linfield of Randolph and Adrianna F. French of Stoughton.
- " 12. Frederick W. Tileston and Susan F. Howard, both of Randolph.
- " 13. Austin Cole and Harriet A. Howard, both of Randolph.
- " 17. Matthew Birmingham and Eliza Mullally, both of Abington.
- " 24. James F. Dargan of Randolph and Bridget A. Grace of Stoughton.
- " 27. Edward A. Farrell and Julia Gill, both of Randolph.
- Oct. 13. Eugene O'Reiley and Catharine E. Pope, both of Randolph.
- " 18. Anthony Miller and Fanny Verville, both of Randolph.
- " 24. Hiram E. Whiting of Stoughton and Sarah E. Shaw of Randolph.
- " 31. James M. Holbrook of Randolph and Louisa M. Mann of Canton.
- Nov. 2. John Gill, Jr., and Elizabeth Kennedy, both of Randolph.
- " 8. William P. Sullivan and Julia Horrigan, both of Randolph.
- " 8. Michael Maguire of Randolph and Ann Murry of Stoughton.
- " 15. Edward P. Stetson of Walpole and Delia C. Paine of Randolph.
- " 20. John Day of Boston and Abbie A. Jones of Randolph.
- " 25. Frederick Packard and Ellen M. Davis, both of Randolph.
- " 26. George E. Hayden and Lizzie A. Gay, both of Braintree.
- " 26. Edmund Dean of Cambridge and Nancy L. Winnett of Randolph.
- " 28. H. Walter Beals of Stoughton and Julietta L. Nightingale of Randolph.

DEATHS RECORDED IN RANDOLPH, IN 1868.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF DECEASED.	AGE.			DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		YRS.	MOS.	DYS.	
1867. Dec. 8.	Wales Thayer,	39	7	6	Tuberculosis.
1868. Jan. 2.	Charles McKay,	..	8	11	Croup.
4.	Moses Whitcomb,	77	1	..	Inflammatory Fever.
12.	John J. Mullins,	11	1	6	Typhoid Fever.
20.	Charles D. Page,	..	5	..	Dentition.
28.	Ruth C. Holmes,	25	6	28	Anæmia Metrica.
28.	James E. Howard,	5	6	13	Scrofula.
29.	Mary Harris,	62	..	..	Schirrus Tumor of Misentary.
25.	Helen F. Bates,	8	9	2	Albuminuria.
7.	Elisha N. Thomas,	22	4	5	Lumbar Abscess Phthisis.
19.	Michael E. Burns,	27	5	..	Pulmonary Consumption.
Feb. 1.	Edmund Clark,	54	10	25	Consumption.
6.	Benjamin Brown, Jr.,	21	11	19	Consumption.
8.	Sophia M. Hathaway,	26	3	11	Fever and Erysipelas.
12.	Charles F. Pool,	19	6	28	Consumption.
19.	Deborah Shaw,	66	1	13	Phthisis.
29.	David J. Penniman,	25	6	..	Consumption.
20.	Esther French,	42	4	7	Consumption.
March 5.	William Donnovan,	..	10	24	Infantile.
8.	Michael Harney,	70	..	..	Consumption.
10.	George A. Setson,	24	8	1	Diphtheria Pl'risy with Effus'n.
15.	Ida Pratt,	..	..	6	Infantile.
19.	Eveline Thayer,	61	9	12	Spinal Irritation.
24.	William Flynn,	17	9	20	Hæmyoptisis.
25.	Stephen Hayden,	69	8	21	Hæmyoptisis Phthisis.
29.	R. u. B. Littlefield,	46	6	..	Pneumonia and Typhoid Fever.
10.	Frank Curtis,	23	9	22	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
2.	Sarah T. Curtis,	63	..	..	Pericarditis.
April 8.	Ada Pratt,	..	1	..	Infantile.
10.	Thomas O'Teole,	1	2	..	Inflammation of Bowels.
20.	Annie W. Turner,	13	4	..	Malignant Tumor.
21.	Ira Howard,	39	3	21	Pulmonary Consumption.
18.	Salmon Buck,	70	8	..	Pleuro Pneumonia.
22.	Mary A. Foley,	2	6	..	Enteritis.
24.	Abner Peirce,	54	4	..	Heart Disease.
18.	Jane F. Kane,	23	4	21	Phthisis.
May 1.	Jane Acherson,	3	5	..	Tabes Mesenterica.
7.	Ann M. Gowith,	79	2	..	Heart Disease.
24.	William Drury,	54	..	..	Pneumonia.
24.	Royal T. Beal,	52	5	2	..
27.	Francis Ward,	..	8	10	Convulsions.
June 3.	Michael F. Keith,	37	..	..	Consumption.
7.	Thomas Green, Jr.,	19	4	7	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
12.	Michael Hand,	65	..	..	..
30.	John Madigan,	32	..	..	Pulmonary Consumption.
17.	Walter M. Hopkins,	1	5	7	Burned.
13.	Mary V. Martelle,	28	2	19	Consumption.
July 11.	Edward Brown,	14	1	2	Typhus Fever.
20.	Almira Thayer,	34	7	17	Hepatitis.
26.	Elisha E. Stetson,	19	4	23	Consumption.
31.	Mary A. Powderly,	39	1	18	Hepatic Congestion.
16.	Sally T. Porter,	67	11	8	Paralysis.
3.	Miriam Hodge,	76	1	..	Old Age.
Aug. 5.	Charles E. Clark,	1	..	7	Cholera Infantum.
5.	Ann Fitzgerald,	70	..	..	Paralysis.
8.	James C. Dennehey,	1	7	22	Dentition.
15.	Francis Boyle,	..	2	9	Infantile.
18.	John Leach, Jr.,	..	1	13	Whooping-Cough.
18.	Myra W. Pratt,	1	7	..	Convulsions.

DEATHS (CONTINUED).

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF DECEASED.	AGE.			DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		YRS.	MOS.	DYS.	
1868.					
Aug. 26.	Sarah B. Pratt,	22	..	26	Puerperal Convulsions.
28.	Patrick McKay,	44	..	..	Chronic Bronchitis.
30.	Sidney Mann,	60	..	..	Pulmonary Consumption.
20.	Daniel Donohue,	..	9	19	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 1.	Carrie L. Howard,	1	..	19	Cholera Infantum.
1.	Rachel A. Page,	29	..	..	Consumption.
4.	Sarah E. Beal,	36	..	..	Dysentery.
9.	Frank H. Thayer,	13	8	23	Purpura Hemorrhagia.
9.	Warren West,	..	..	..	Asthenia.
11.	Margaret Powderly,	..	1	11	Infantile.
18.	Mary Keith,	..	8	11	Whooping-Cough.
20.	Joshua Mann,	88	9	13	Old Age.
20.	Catharine O'Keefe,	55	..	..	Consumption.
23.	Aminadab Thayer,	82	8	2	Old Age.
28.	— Chandler,	..	..	21	Hydrocephalus Acatus.
29.	Marion L. Holbrook,	1	5	..	Meningitis.
8.	Abi Newcomb,	83	10	1	Diarrhœa.
1.	Edward C. Holbrook,	..	1	14	Diarrhœa.
13.	Charles M. West,	..	6	11	Cholera Infantum.
Oct. 27.	Bartholomew Cannavan,	53	..	..	Consumption.
16.	Edward A. L. Rooney,	..	3	..	Infantile.
16.	Cornelius Keilher,	35	4	26	Consumption.
16.	Hannah Diamond,	2	..	28	Lung Fever.
15.	Noble Linfield,	68	..	..	Consumption.
10.	Thomas Ross,	1	6	..	Convulsions.
9.	Emma F. Poole,	7	9	25	Whooping-Cough.
2.	Blanche M. Thayer,	..	..	21	Infantile.
18.	Thomas Belcher,	80	11	4	Heart Disease.
9.	Willie B. Duncan,	..	9	8	Diarrhœa.
Nov. 29.	Clarissa Morey,	41	7	..	Diabetes.
7.	Louisa J. Stetson,	31	..	..	Consumption.
2.	Susan Rooney,	25	5	15	Consumption.
14.	Mary Pendergrass,	47	1	..	Typhoid Pneumonia.
20.	Charles F. Pero,	30	4	6	Consumption.
2.	Amelia E. Pendergrass,	18	3	27	Diphtheria.
9.	Honora Lynch,	87	..	..	Old Age.
Dec. 31.	Rose Carney,	..	10	16	Scarlatina Anginosa.
28.	Mary Clary,	1	..	28	Scarlatina Anginosa.
28.	Honora Riley,	..	10	23	Scarlatina Anginosa.
28.	Walter W. Holbrook,	3	1	8	Scarlatina Anginosa.
22.	Josiah Thayer,	77	2	..	Diarrhœa.
20.	Mary Keefe,	33	..	..	Childbed.
14.	Philip Mulvany,	33	..	..	Consumption.
12.	Maurice Flynn,	6	2	..	Bronchitis.
18.	Henry Joy,	37	3	18	Consumption.
24.	Sarah L. Howard,	45	11	4	Apoplexy.

